

already blood has been shed. In America, as here, spurious "dynamite-plots" have been laid to throw consternation into the ranks of Labour, and strange sympathy from those who are battling against greed and fraud, and already lives have been sacrificed. In Germany, in England, in Italy, in Roumania the same things are going on, and blood streams on every side, shed not by the Revolution, but against it. Perhaps it will not be long before it pours out in Australia to intimidate those who are claiming their rights. Within three years the periodical cycle of misery is due in Melbourne, and its effects will be felt in the course of a short time all over the continent. Then we shall see what we shall see!

But, sharp and bitter as it may be that the struggle shall grow, it is not for ever that humanity is going to suffer at the hands of its taskmasters and plunderers. The signs that are looming over all the earth are signs that have not been since legend was repeated or history written. The conditions of life have altered so that all things are seen face to face. The race has grown so close as to form only one being—Man—and there is no room for another to be master. Already the Voice of the People is heard murmuring dimly in all the quarters of the globe. Already the individuality of malcontent and proprietor is felt to be merged in the solidarity of Human Rights against Privilege and Appropriation. Already the weapons of the Nations are being withdrawn from the reach of the people and flung to guard the interests of the Privileged Classes. Already the great merchants and speculators of the earth are whispering for a federation of strong Governments that they may be able to concentrate their forces the more effectively and prevent the preachers of liberty from having a refuge or a place to stand. And already the workers are steadily, silently making their preparations by literature, organisation, and tacit comprehension, to nullify all these schemes of oppression and possess themselves, once and for all—peaceably, if it is possible, but by any means and at any cost—of the full heritage of man. The Revolt has begun!—*Sydney Bulletin.*

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM A VETERAN.

As this is Jubilee year it tends to make one look back and think of the light of time, and in this way I am one of the veterans in the sale of your valuable and successful medicine. I have sold it from the very first, and have sent it into every county in England and many parts of Scotland. Well do I remember the first circular you sent out some nine or ten years ago. You had come to England from America to introduce Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and I was struck by a paragraph in which you used these words—"Being a stranger in a strange land, I do not wish the people to feel that I want to take the least advantage over them. I feel that I have a remedy that will cure disease, and I have so much confidence in it that I authorize my agents to refund the money if people should say that they have not benefited by its use." I felt at once that you would never use such flimsy medicine as the medicine I had applied for the agency, a step which I now look back upon with pride and satisfaction.

Ever since that time I have found it by far the best remedy for Indigestion and Dyspepsia I have met with, and I have sold thousands of bottles. It has never failed in any case where there was any of the following symptoms—Nervous or sick headache, sourness of the stomach, rising of the food after eating, a sense of fullness and heaviness, dizziness, bad breath, slime and mucus on the gums and teeth, constipation, and yellowness of the eyes and skin, and loss of sleep, and, in short, wherever there are signs that the system is clogged, and the blood is out of order. Upon repeated inquiries, covering a great variety of ailments, my customers have always said, "It is better," or "I am perfectly well." What I have seldom or never seen before in the case of any medicine is that people tell each other of its virtues, and those who have been cured say to the suffering, "Go and get Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, it will make you well." Out of the hundreds of cures I will name one or two that happen to come into my mind.

"Two old gentlemen, whose names they would not like me to give you, had been married to Indigestion and Dyspepsia for many years. They had tried all kinds of medicine without relief. One of them was so bad he could not bear a glass of ale. Both were advised to use the Syrup, and both recovered, and were as hale and hearty as men in the prime of life. A remarkable case is that of a house painter named Jeffrey, who lived at Peckham, in Kent. His business obliged him to expose himself a great deal to wind and weather, and he was seized with rheumatism, and his joints soon swelled up with dropsy, and were very stiff and painful. Nothing that the doctors could do seemed to reach the seat of the trouble. It so happened that he could do hardly any work, and for the whole of the winter of 1878 and '79 he had to give up and take to his bed. He had been afflicted in this sorry way for three years, and was getting worn out and discouraged. Besides, he had spent over £18 for what he called "doctor's stuff" without the least benefit. In the Spring he heard of what Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup had done for others and bought a 2s. 6d. bottle of it. In a few days he sent me word he was much better—before he had finished the bottle. He then sent me for a 4s. 6d. bottle, and as I was going that way I carried it down to him myself. On getting to his house what was my astonishment and surprise to find him out in the garden weeding an onion bed. I could hardly believe my own eyes, and said—

"You ought not to be out here, man, it may be the death of you after being laid up all winter with rheumatism and dropsy."

His reply was—"There is no danger. The weather is fine, and Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup has done for me in a few days what the doctors could not do three years. I think I shall get well now."

He kept on with the Syrup, and in three weeks he was at work again, and had had no return of the trouble for now nearly ten years. Any medicine that can do this should be known all over the world.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) ROBERT GRAHAM,
OF GRAHAM & SON,
Holloway House, Sunbury,
Middlesex, 1887.

The above wonderful cure of Rheumatism was the result of the remarkable power of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup to cleanse the blood of the poisonous humours that arise from Indigestion and Dyspepsia.

Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup is for sale by all chemists and medicine vendors, and by the proprietors, A. J. White, Limited, 35, Farringdon Road, London, E.C. 4 (Ad.).

To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

Hunt, Commander, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 23rd instant, at DAVLIGHT.

The attention of Passenger is directed to the superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon, and Cabin are situated forward of the engine. Second Class Passengers are berthed in the poop. A Refrigerating chamber enables the supply of fresh provisions during the entire voyage. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1267]

To-day's Advertisements.

G. CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

TO-NIGHT,

GRAND CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

MILK LE BLONDE HARMSTON

as

DIANA THE HUNTRESS

in an intricate Act of Equestrianism with her flock of educated English Pigeons.

ALL THE LADIES IN THE GRAND ROMAN TOURNAMENT!

THE BOUNDING ENGLISH JOCKEY, by the Champion Rider Mr. GEORGE HARMSTON.

NEW EDUCATED ANIMALS & HORSES.

NEW FARCES AND LAUGHABLE VAGARIES.

NEW AND NOTABLE ATTRACTION.

A very large and splendid looking Boa Constrictor has just been incorporated in the large collection of wild animals. This enormous Boa Constrictor has been imported from Calcutta from the Menagerie of the ex-Queen of Oude and is now on exhibition every night at the Menagerie.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!!

Boxes with 6 Chairs.....\$9.00

Single Chairs in Boxes.....1.50

Dress Circle Chairs.....1.00

Carpet Seats.....0.50

Gallery.....0.30.

Children and Soldiers in uniform in the Gallery 20 Cents. To all other parts of the house Half Price.

L. MAYA, Secretary, Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1249]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL HONGKONG.

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

DIRECTORS.....Mr. P. W. WILLARD.

JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

the 13th December, 1888.

Complimentary Benefit to MR. & MRS. FISHER (Miss FLO MORRISON).

When will be produced

"THE TRIAL BY JURY."

The Plaintiff.....Miss FLO MORRISON.

The Defendant.....Mr. CHARLES FISHER.

Supported by the Full Strength of the Company.

FOLLOWED BY

"THE WATERMAN."

Wilhelmina.....Miss MAUDE HARE.

Mrs. Bunde.....FLO MORRISON.

Tom Tug.....Mr. CH. FISHER.

And the Strength of the Company.

Introducing—Cherry Ripe, Wapping Old Stairs, The Anchor's Weighed, The Wolf, Tom Bowling, &c., &c.

The whole to conclude with the FIRST ACT OF "RUDDIGORE."

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—

Dress Circle and Special Stalls.....\$3.00

Stalls.....2.00

Pit.....1.00

The Plan may be seen and Seats secured at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

PEMBERTON W. WILLARD, Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1251]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"

Captain Dowling, will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1231]

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "ABYSSINIA," FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGASAKI.

Masonic.

ST. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in FRASERSON'S HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW, the 13th instant, at 8 for 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 5th December, 1888. [1235]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will perform

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA "IOLANTHE,"

ON

THURSDAY,

AND

SATURDAY,

the 20th and 21st December.

Doors open at 8.30. Performance to begin at 9 o'clock P.M.

Tickets for the Second Performance may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after THURSDAY, the 13th instant. PRICE:—\$2 EACH.

R. LYALL, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 10th November, 1888. [1240]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day taken Sole Charge of Mr. A. COXON'S Business.

G. S. COXON.

WITH Reference to the above, I have this day commenced Business as SHARE AND GENERAL BROKER.

E. J. COXON, Hongkong, 11th December, 1888. [1262]

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day commenced Business as a SHARE AND GENERAL BROKER.

HECTOR SAMPSON, Office, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1243]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day RESUMED CHARGE.

W. H. RAY, Secretary, Hongkong, 5th December, 1888. [1241]

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office, Limited, Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1257]

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND CALL of TEN DOLLARS per Share is due on the 20th day of December, 1888.

Shareholders will please pay the amount due upon their Shares to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to 20th instant, both days inclusive.

INTEREST at the rate of 12 1/2% per annum will be CHARGED on all calls paid after the 20th instant as per article No. 33 of the Company.

By Order, A. G. GORDON, Secretary, Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1207]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB, RACE MEETING, 1889.

HONGKONG DERBY.

SWEETSTAKES of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing.

Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies and 500 lbs. Gaffins at date of Entry (SATURDAY, 19th January, 1889). First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent.; Weight 20 stolls. One-mile-and-a-half (Nominations close to the CLERK OF THE COURSE at the CLUB on SATURDAY, the 22nd December, 1888).

H. J. H. TRIPP, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1888. [1253]

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

(to take effect from the 1st of Nov.)

THE CARS RUN as follows between JOHN'S PLACE and VICTORIA GAP—

WEEK DAYS,

8 to 10 A.M. every quarter of an hour.

12 to 2 P.M. " " half hour.

3 to 7 " " quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS,

NIGHT TRAMS at 10.45 and 11 P.M.

SUNDAYS,

CHURCH TRAM at 10.40 A.M.

12 to 3 P.M. every half hour.

3 to 7 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

Special Cars may be obtained on application.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars: Five-Cent Coupons and Reduced Tickets at the Office of MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, 50 & 54, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 31st October, 1888. [1259]

MACAO.

WANTED to purchase, in a good situation in Macao, Small FAMILY RESIDENCE commanding a sea-view. Price must be Moderate. Apply with full particulars by letter only to: W. H. c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office, Hongkong, 29th September, 1888. [1254]

Intimations.

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, at NOON, TO-MORROW and FRIDAY, the 13th and 14th instants.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA, JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, CHANTREY INCHBALD, Agent, Hongkong.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, E. W. RUTTER, Manager, Hongkong, Hongkong, 11th December, 1888. [1263]

NOTICE.

THE Committee of the VICTORIA REGATTA request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong on Board the FLAG SHIP, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 13th and 14th instants, the Regatta Days, and at the Cricket Ground, which has been kindly placed at their disposal by the Cricket Club Committee, on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at 4.30 P.M., when the prizes won at the Regatta will be distributed.

Through the Courtesy of Mr. GILLIES, the Secretary of the Dock Company, the "PILOT FISH" will leave Pedder's Wharf on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 13th and 14th inst., at 12 NOON, and 12.45 P.M. for the Flagship, which will be moored of Kowloon Point.

Refreshments will be supplied on Board the Flagship to Subscribers.

Tiffin will be provided by Messrs. DORANJEE and HING KEE.

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1214]

NOTICE.

THE GUNROOM OFFICERS of H.M.S. Imprimus give Notice that they will not be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS incurred by their MESSENGER.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1258]

THE KOWLOON HOTEL.

SITUATED on GARDEN LOT, No. 55, ROBINSON ROAD, KOWLOON, five minutes walk from the landing.

Wines and Spirits of the best quality only kept.

Two First Class English and one American Billiard Tables, also a Tennis Lawn.

Arrangements have been made with the proprietor of the steam-launch Morning Star to run special night trips, last boat leaving Kowloon at midnight.

Fares 10 Cents each way.

J. C. L. ROUGH, Manager, Hongkong, 8th December, 1888. [1247]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 21st instant, at 11 O'CLOCK FORENOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and Statement of Accounts to the 30th November, 1888, and of declaring a dividend.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st inst., both days inclusive.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1213]

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M., when the subject of Resolution, which was passed at the General Meeting of the Company held this day, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.

"That the Company do purchase for the sum of \$25,000 a selected block of 5000 acres of land in British North Borneo in the vicinity of the Company's present land and for that purpose and to provide for the development of the said land that the Capital of the Company be increased by the issue of 1000 Shares at \$50 per share of which \$25 shall be paid up on allotment, \$15 per share on the 1st March, 1889, and the balance at such time as the Board shall determine."

ON confirmation of the above Resolution the following proposal will be submitted to the Shareholders:—That the new shares be allotted amongst the Shareholders registered on the books of the Company on the 20th December, 1888, in the proportion of one new to every three old Shares; and that as to fractional parts of any such new Shares which may accrue to any allottees, the Directors shall invite public tender for the Shares composed of such fractional parts and sell the same to the highest bidder; and any profit which may arise from such sale shall be distributed in due proportion amongst the several allottees of such fractional parts."

By Order of the Directors, H. SHEPPARD, Secretary, Hongkong, 3rd December, 1888. [1225]

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that Mr. CHAN CHAU TAI left my employment on the 31st day of August last and is now in a way connected with my Firm or Business in all authority either to sell or purchase or for any other thing has been withdrawn from him and further I beg to inform the public that the labels on Fire-crackers manufactured or sold by me will bear my old Hong Name of MAEN SHING and without this name attached none will be genuine and any brands without the name "MAEN SHING" or with an additional character will be a fraud and any person found guilty of imitation will be prosecuted and punished according to Law.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1888. (1165) MAEN SHING.

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

BEG to announce to the MEDICAL PROFESSION, and to the European and Chinese community of Hongkong, that the

DISPENSING DEPARTMENT OF

THEIR BUSINESS IS

NOW OPEN.

THIS DEPARTMENT, being considered of the FIRST IMPORTANCE, is entirely under the control of fully qualified and experienced EUROPEAN ASSISTANTS.

The DRUGS used in preparing prescriptions are of the BEST and PUREST QUALITY obtainable.

THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

CHEMICALS, DRUGS, and MEDICINES, HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND SELECTED BY

DAKIN BROS. OF LONDON, A FIRM ESTABLISHED, and WHOSE NAME has been

A Guarantee, for nearly Three quarters of a century.

22 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1213]

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—158 per cent. premium, buyers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$72 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—15. 200 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—15. 97 per share, buyers.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—15. 150, per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$337 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$77 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 39 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$221 per share, buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—160 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. dis., sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$64 per share, buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$194 per share, buyers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$92 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$93 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$121 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$82 per share, sellers.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.

Panjin and Sunghee Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$81 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—71 per cent. premium, buyers.

Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—110 per cent. premium, buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—275 per cent. premium, nominal.

The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.

The Sogot Kayah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, sellers.

Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sales and buyers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—20 per cent. dis., sellers.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. dis., nominal.

The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/04
Bank Bills, on demand 3/04
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/04
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11
Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11

ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 72
Bank Bills, on demand 72
Credits, at 4 months' sight 72
On India, T. T. 223
On Demand, 223

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 72
Private, 30 days' sight 72

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul... \$660
(Allowance, Taels 40).

OLD MALWA, per picul... \$650
(Allowance, Taels 40).

NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest... \$565
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest... \$567
NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest... \$575
NEW PATNA (second choice) per chest... \$562
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest... \$547
NEW BENARES (bottom) per chest... \$550
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul... \$530
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul... \$500
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul... \$580

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

11th December, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Weather.
Wladivostok	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Tokio	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Nagasaki	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Shanghai	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Amoy	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Hankow	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Swatow	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Shanghai	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Amoy	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Hankow	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Swatow	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy

12th December, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Weather.
Wladivostok	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Tokio	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Nagasaki	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Shanghai	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Amoy	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Hankow	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Swatow	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Shanghai	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Amoy	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Hankow	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy
Swatow	30.2	51	SE	Cloudy

There is not much change in the barometer and gradient for northeast winds are rather strong. Overcast, cool and damp weather prevails.

1.—Thermometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. 2.—Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit. 3.—Humidity in percentage of saturation. 4.—Direction of the wind to two points. 5.—Force of the wind according to Beaufort's scale. 6.—State of the sky, 7. Blue sky, 8. Partly cloudy, 9. Drizzling rain, 10. Fog, 11. Heavy rain, 12. Thunder, 13. Violent rain, 14. Snow, 15. Ice, 16. Fog, 17. Thunder, 18. Violent rain, 19. Snow, 20. Ice.

Hongkong Observatory, 12th December, 1888.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register).

Barometer.	Thermometer.
Barometer—1 p.m.	51.0
Barometer—4 p.m.	51.0
Thermometer—1 p.m.	51.0
Thermometer—4 p.m.	51.0
Thermometer—7 p.m.	51.0
Thermometer—10 p.m.	51.0
Thermometer—1 p.m. (wet bulb)	51.0
Thermometer—4 p.m. (wet bulb)	51.0
Thermometer—7 p.m. (wet bulb)	51.0
Thermometer—10 p.m. (wet bulb)	51.0

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Sydney*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 17th ultimo, left Yokohama on the 13th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 18th.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Taiyang*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 6th instant for this port, and is expected here on the 12th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Albany*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver for Japan and Hongkong on the 4th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The 'Shire' line steamer *Merionethshire*, from London, left Singapore on the 4th instant, and is expected here on the 12th.

The Navigazione Generale Italiana Co.'s steamer *Stura*, left Singapore on the 5th instant, and is expected here on the 12th.

The steamer *Antonio* left Kobe for this port on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 14th.

The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Chingwa*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 9th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 16th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

DORIS, German steamer, 771, F. Raben, 11th Dec.—Haiphong 9th Dec.—Rice.—Wielor & Co.

TRIUMPH, German steamer, 674, Puttson, 11th Dec.—Haiphong 9th Dec.—General.—Wielor & Co.

FOCKSANG, British steamer, 991, W. E. Sawyer, 12th Dec.—Whampoa 10th Dec.—General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SARPEDON, British steamer, 1391, Chrimes, 12th Dec.—Singapore 5th Dec.—General.—Butterfield & Swire.

ABYSSINIA, British steamer, 3500, Geo. A. Lee, 13th Dec.—Vancouver 13th Nov.—Nagasaki 8th Dec.—General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Mike Maru, Japanese steamer, for Kutchinotou.

Don Juan, Spanish steamer, for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.

December 11, *Choyang*, British steamer, for Whampoa.

December 11, *Yangtze*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

December 12, *Soochow*, British steamer, for Hoikow.

December 12, *Hever*, German steamer, for Nagasaki.

December 12, *Anadyr*, French steamer, for Saigon, &c.

December 12, *Peshawar*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

December 13, *Don Juan*, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Doris*, str., from Haiphong, 7 Chinese.

Per *Triumph*, str., from Haiphong.—Mr. Shampin.

Per *Sarpedon*, str., from Singapore.—Mrs. Caster, Dr. Richard Young, Messrs. W. Gilber, Kennedy, Thos. Bowl, and 85 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Anadyr*, str., from Hongkong for Saigon.—21 Chinese.

Per *Choyang*, str., from Hongkong for Batavia.—Mr. E. B. Jorey.

Per *Colombo*, str., from Hongkong for Batavia.—Messrs. E. Wertheimer, P. Philippe, W. H. Walters, and J. M. Crabbe.

Per *Singapore*, str., from Hongkong for Singapore.—Mrs. Gray, child and amah, Mr. E. A. Whitten, For *Marselles*—Messrs. Sarady, Etienne, Valentin, Sharples, and Reynaud.

Per *Yokohama*, str., from Hongkong for Yokohama.—Messrs. Andonard and Langard.

Per *Singapore*, str., from Hongkong for Singapore.—Mr. Baird.

Per *Marselles*, str., from Hongkong for Marselles.—Count Yamagata (Japanese Minister), Messrs. Patterson, Arakawa, F. Ray, Nakayama, Funakoshi, Hirota, Nakamura, Otsuka, Kato, Ojatschi, Terazaki, Marita, Sughi, Kanazashi, Nikomiyu, and Oraki.

Per *Kobe*, str., from Hongkong for Kobe.—Mr. K. Nakamura.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Sarpedon* reports that she left Singapore on the 5th instant. Had fresh north-east wind and heavy sea.

Per *Abyssinia*, str., from Vancouver, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Rennie, Mr. Rein, Master Sutton, and 204 Chinese.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Whampoa*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Amoy, Kobe, Yokohama, and Vancouver.—Per *Parilla*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Straits Settlements.—Per *Deuteros*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Focksang*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Kobe.—Per *Haiphong*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Ninepo*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Swatow.—Per *Nanshan*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Kobe.—Per *Thyra*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Fookchow.—Per *Namoa*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Haiphong.—Per *Marie*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Phra Chom Kiao*, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 7.30 A.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Devawongse*, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Europe, &c., India, via Bombay.—Per *Clyde*, on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *Arabi*, on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.—Per *Guthrie*, on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Cassandra*, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Antonia*, on Friday, the 21st instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Europe, &c., &c.—Per *Prussien*, on Saturday, the 22nd instant, at 5.00 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ARABIC, British steamer, 4,368, W. M. Smith, 2nd Dec.—San Francisco 7th Nov.—Mid Yokohama 27th, Mails and General.—O. & S. S. Co.

CAMORITA, British steamer, 1,355, A. A. Fyfe, 5th Dec.—Java, Sand Nor., and Singapore 28th, Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CANARY, British steamer, 1,700, F. H. Smith, 3rd Dec.—Sydney via Tilidjap, 23rd October, Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.

CRUSAHER, British steamer, 647, Orizon, 11th Dec.—Hilo, 6th Dec., Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,100, Iversen, 1st Dec.—Semarang 19th Nov., Sugar.—Ed. Schellhaas & Co.

WHAMPOA.

AMOV, German steamer, 814, R. Kohler, 9th Dec.—Shanghai 6th Dec., General and Rice.—Stemmen & Co.

ARON, Norwegian bark, 634, A. Christensen, 23rd Nov.—Chelso 12th Nov., Beans.—Captain.

CHOYANG, British steamer, 1,194, Balbernie, 11th Dec.—Whampoa 5th Dec., Grain.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

INORANER, German steamer, 494, Measmann, 8th Dec.—Shanghai 5th Dec., General.—Wielor & Co.

KWANGKEE, Chinese steamer, 1,508, Andrew, 11th Dec.—Shanghai 6th Dec. and Swatow 10th, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

RIVER STEAMERS.

Fathian, British steamer, 2,260, S. W. Goggin, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Hankow, British steamer, 2,235, Lloyd—Butterfield & Swire.

Ho-nam, British steamer, 1,377, G. B. Lafavour, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

ICHANG, British steamer, 1,250, T. Shaw—Butterfield & Swire.

Kis-kiang, British steamer, 617, W. E. Clarke, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

King-chow, British steamer, 159, McIver, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Pao-chi, Chinese steamer, 24, J. W. Stavers, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

Ping-kei, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes—China Merchants S. N. Co.

Powan, British steamer, 1,504, J. P. Hoyland, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

White Cloud, British steamer, 327, W. J. Raby, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co.

HONGKONG—STEAMERS.

Continued.

DEYAWONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, F. H. Loff, 5th Dec.—Kobe 28th Nov.—Coals.—Yuen Fat Hong.

FAME, British steamer, 117, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, T. Hall, 9th Dec.—Tamsui, Amoy, and Swatow 8th December, General.—D. Laprak & Co.

GLNSHIEL, British steamer, 2,240, Donaldson, 9th Dec.—Kobe 4th Dec., General and Coals.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

GUTHRIE, British steamer, 1,491, H. Craig, 11th Dec.—Adelaide 3rd Nov., Sydney 10th, Brisbane 17th, Townsville 20th, Cooktown 21st, Thursday Island 24th, and Port Darwin 1st Dec., Coals, and General.—Russell & Co.

HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1,122, Harris, 10th Dec.—Kobe 3rd December, Coal.—D. Laprak & Co.

MARIE, German steamer, 704, Hundewadt, 9th Dec.—Haiphong 7th Dec., Rice and General.—A. R. Marty.

MIKE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,082, J. H. Pyne, 7th Dec.—Kutchinotou 3rd Dec.—Coals.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

NAMOA, British steamer, 865, T. G. Pocock, 11th Dec.—Fookchow 7th Dec., Amoy 8th, and Swatow 10th, General.—D. Laprak & Co.

NANSHAN, British steamer, 805, J. Blackburne, 10th Dec.—Bangkok 2nd Dec., Rice and General.—Hop-Hing Hong.

NINPO, German steamer, 764, Schulz, 11th Dec.—Whampoa 11th Dec., General.—Stemmen & Co.

NORDEN, Norwegian steamer, 1,367, Nielsen, 10th Dec.—Nagasaki 5th Dec., Coals and General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

PARTHA, British steamer, 2,035, F. H. Wallace, 25th Nov.—Vancouver 25th October, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

PHRA CHOM KIAO, British steamer, 1,011, Jas. Fowler, 8th Dec.—Bangkok 30th Nov., General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

PICCOLA, German steamer, 875, Th. Nissen, 30th Nov.—Whampoa 30th Nov., General.—Ed. Schellhaas & Co.

PILOT FIRST, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

SOOCHOW, British steamer, 327, T. Rowin, 11th Dec.—Macao 11th December, General.—Chinese.

THAMES, British steamer, 2,137, W. A. Seaton, 3rd Dec.—Shanghai 1st Dec., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

THYRA, German steamer, 664, E. A. Jacobsen, 5th Dec.—Whampoa 5th Dec., General.—Ed. Schellhaas & Co.

VICTORIA, British steamer, 1,530, J. Coundon, 21st Nov.—Nagasaki 16th Nov., Coals.—Takasima Colliery Co.

VORWARRTS, German steamer, 612, T. Bruhn, 10th Dec.—Touren, and Hoihow 9th Dec., General.—Wielor & Co.

WHAMPOA, British steamer, 1,011, S. Hughes, 9th Dec.—Swatow 8th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

SAILING VESSELS.

ARCADIA, British bark, 417, D. S. Eward, 25th Nov.—Whampoa 24th Nov., General.—Wielor & Co.

ALTAIR, British bark, 399, T. Munro, 1st Dec.—Newchwang, via Amoy 28th Nov., Beans and Melon Seed.—Order.

AUGUSTA, German bark, 473, Jessen, 5th Dec.—Hilo 18th Nov., Sanpanwood.—Ed. Schellhaas & Co.

ERKENGTONG, Chinese bark, 457, Uplian Examination bulk, Stonecutters' Island—Chinese Customs.

H. G. JOHNSON, American bark, 1,027, Colby, 26th Oct.—Keelung 23rd Oct., Coals.—Russell & Co.

LADY HAREWOOD, British bark, 382, T. H. Williams, 18th Nov.—Hilo 10th Nov., Sanpanwood and General.—Gonsalves & Co.

NORWAY, Norwegian bark, 657, Th. Albrethsen, 6th Dec.—Whampoa 5th Dec., General.—Wielor & Co.

RAPHAEL, American ship, 1,465, E. W. Harkness, 30th Oct.—Nagasaki 28th Oct., Coal.—Order.

SWAN, American brig, 287, D. O'Keefe, 15th Nov.—Yap (Caroline) 6th Nov., General.—Captain.

TARAPACA, British bark, 492, H. Kennett, 6th Dec.—Sandakan 24th October, Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 14th Nov.—Honolulu 3rd October, Old Iron.—Chinese.

WAKEFIELD, American bark, 842, W. S. Crowell, 12th Nov.—Amoy 10th Nov., Ballast.—Stemmen & Co.

WILLIAM MANSON, British bark, 366, H. Kindred, 20th November—Albany (West Australia) 20th September, Sanpanwood.—Gillman & Co.

WHAMPOA.

AMOV, German steamer, 814, R. Kohler, 9th Dec.—Shanghai 6th Dec., General and Rice.—Stemmen & Co.

ARON, Norwegian bark, 634, A. Christensen, 23rd Nov.—Chelso 12th Nov., Beans.—Captain.

CHOYANG, British steamer, 1,194, Balbernie, 11th Dec.—Whampoa 5th Dec., Grain.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

INORANER, German steamer, 494, Measmann, 8th Dec.—Shanghai 5th Dec., General.—Wielor & Co.

KWANGKEE, Chinese steamer, 1,508, Andrew, 11th Dec.—Shanghai 6th Dec. and Swatow 10th, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Merionethshire	London	December 12th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Stura	Genoa	December 12th	Carlowitz & Co.
Taiyang	Calcutta	December 12th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Antonio	Kobe	December 14th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Chingwa	Liverpool	December 16th	Arnold, Karberg & Co.
City of Sydney	San Francisco	December 18th	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
Albany	Vancouver	January 1st	Adamson, Bell & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Clyde.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Dec. 19th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal.....	Oopack.....	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Dec. 26th.
London, via Suez Canal.....	Ajak.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	December 15th.
Bremen, & Ports of Call.....	Preussen.....	Melchers & Co.....	Dec. 23rd, at 10 a.m.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.....	Stura.....	Carlowitz & Co.....	Dec. 20th, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg, &c.....	Cassandra.....	Siemssen & Co.....	Dec. 21st, at noon.
New York, via Suez Canal.....	Benvenue.....	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About Dec. 14th.
San Francisco, via Ybama.....	City of Sydney.....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.....	Dec. 29th, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Ybama.....	Arabic.....	O. & O. S. S. Co.....	Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via A. & S.	Parthia.....	Adamson, Bell & Co.....	To-morrow, at noon.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.....	Guthrie.....	Russell & Co.....	Dec. 20th, daylight.
Sydney and Melbourne.....	Whampoa.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	To-morrow, at noon.
Port Darwin, &c.....	Chingtu.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Dec. 23rd, daylight.
Sourabaya, via S'pore, &c.....	Camorta.....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Dec. 14th.
Yokohama, via N'saki, &c.....	Ancona.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Dec. 22nd, daylight.
Kobe, via N'saki, &c.....	Merionethshire.....	Adamson, Bell & Co.....	Quick despatch.
Kobe.....	Helshong.....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.....	Ningpo.....	Siemssen & Co.....	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy.....	Sarpedon.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	December 15th.
Manila, via Amoy.....	Don Juan.....	Brandão & Co.....	To-morrow, at 2 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok.....	Phra Chom Kiao.....	Yuen Fat Hong.....	Dec. 14th, at 8 a.m.
Swatow.....	Nanshan.....	Hop Hing Hong.....	Dec. 14th, daylight.
Swatow.....	Formosa.....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 14th, daylight.
Canton Ports.....	Namoa.....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 16th, at daylight.